[Mr. R. Dhanukoti Pillai.]

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) In accordance with the G. O. sanctioning the establishment of a State-aided Bank in Travancore, a Board of Provisional Directors was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the establishment of the Bank. The Board has submitted to Government drafts of the memorandum and articles of association of the Bank and the agreement to be executed between the Government and the Bank. These are now under examination.

(*b*) It is not possible to place the connected papers on the table at this stage.

MR. S. KRISHNA AIYAR (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to circulate the draft memorandum and articles of association before they are finally registered, among the members of the Council?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The papers are too voluminous.

MR. S. KRISHNA AIYAR (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I said the draft memorandum and articles.

PRESIDENT: As they are finally settled—is that what the member means?

MR. S. KRISHNA AIYAR (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): No. Will the Government be pleased to give an opportunity to the Council to discuss the draft memorandum and articles before they are finally registered?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): It will probably delay the matter considerably.

MR. S. KRISHNA AIYAR (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): A day may be allotted. As it is, it has taken a year and more. A day is not going to affect the progress of the measure.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): In that case a day has to be fixed for it and this will mean another session. The matter will be considered.

MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

PRESIDENT: The result of the election of the members for the Finance Committee is that Mr. G. Parameswaran Pillai, Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai and Mr. Joseph Panjikaran have been elected.

DEMAND FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT.

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 10,000 under Demand IV—Forests. The House is aware that the recent flood has

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been more heavy and devastating in North Travancore and this has been especially so in the Periyar river. Almost all the buildings built by the side of this river have been washed away or damaged beyond repair. A sum of Rs. 10,000 is absolutely necessary to reconstruct some of these buildings for carrying on the ordinary business of the Department. I request the House to grant me this demand.

PRESIDENT: Please specify the buildings.

MR. S. KRISHNA AIYAR (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will Mr. Dhanukoti Pillai be pleased to specify the buildings that have been damaged?

PRESIDENT: That is what I am asking him.

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): There are more buildings than are given in the list. I have mentioned in the list only the main buildings requiring repair.

PRESIDENT: Please read out the list.

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): The Divisional Forest Office building—

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Louder, please.

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): Reconstructing the Divisional Forest Office building at Malayattur;

reconstruction of a Forest Watch station and an Excise Chowkey at Chapram near Malayattur;

repairs to the Forest Bungalow, clerks' quarters and other buildings at Malayattur damaged by the flood;

reconstruction of quarters for the Plantation Officer and Maistries and cooly lines at Peruntode;

reconstruction of Depôt buildings at Elantikkara and repair to the Depôt building at Varappuzha.

MR. S. KRISHNA AIYAR (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is it a tea Plantation?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): Yes, it is.

PRESIDENT: Has not the list been circulated, Mr. Parameswara Aiyar?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It has been circulated.

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): Reconstruction of a guard station and camp shed at Neriamangalam;

reconstruction of cooly lines and Plantation Maistries building at Tattakad;

reconstructing the Forest watch station at Kohi, Central Division; and

reconstructing the watch station at Kallada, Quilon Division.

These are some of the urgent buildings which should be reconstructed immediately.

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[President.]

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): May I know what is the Plantation referred to in item 7 in the list?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): That is a small rubber plantation.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): May I know the area of the rubber plantation?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): About seventy acres.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): When was this plantation commenced?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): It was in 1084 or 1085.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): May I know whether he will be able to give the number of rubber plants that are there?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): About 5,000. Of these, about 3,500 are mature enough to be tapped.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): Has tapping been commenced?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): Yes.

PRESIDENT: How does all that arise now?

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): Just to know these things.

PRESIDENT: The rubber plantation was apparently started some fifteen years ago.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): Are Government able to make any income out of it?

PRESIDENT: It does not arise here. If, however, you want it as a piece of information, it may be given.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): I want it only as a piece of information.

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): The planting in this Plantation was stopped when the price of rubber had gone down and we have begun it only last year. Four hundred pounds of rubber were collected last year. That has been washed away by the flood.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): I want to know whether the Government were able to make any income out of it.

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI (*Conservator of Forests*): We expect to get an income of about Rs. 2,000.

PRESIDENT: I take it that the House sanctions the demand for an urgent item which we had not foreseen.

The grant was made.

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